

Executive Summary

In September of 2010, the Transportation Planning Branch of the North Carolina Department of Transportation, the City of Albemarle, the Town of Badin, the Town of New London, and Stanly County initiated a study to cooperatively develop the Albemarle, Badin, and New London Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). This is a long range multi-modal transportation plan that covers transportation needs through 2035. Modes of transportation evaluated as part of this plan include: highway, public transportation and rail, bicycle, and pedestrian. This plan does not cover standard bridge replacements, routine maintenance, or minor operations issues. Refer to Appendix A for contact information on these types of issues.

Findings of this CTP study were based on an analysis of the transportation system, environmental screening, and public input. Refer to Figure 1 for the CTP maps, which were mutually endorsed/adopted in 2012-2013. Implementation of the plan is the responsibility of Albemarle, Badin, New London, Stanly County, and NCDOT. Refer to Chapter 2 for information on the implementation process.

This report documents the recommendations for improvements that are included in the Albemarle, Badin, and New London CTP. The major recommendations for improvements are listed below. More detailed information about these and other recommendations can be found in Chapter 2.

- **US 52 (Local ID: STAN0036-H):** Widen to four lane boulevard from Finch Road (SR 1444) to NC 24/27/73.
- **US 52 (Part of TIP Project R-2320):** Widen to four lane boulevard from NC 24/27/73 to Porter Road (SR 1910).
- **“Northern Loop” (Local ID: STAN0037-H):** Construct a two lane boulevard on a four lane boulevard right-of-way (ROW) on new location from NC 24-27 0.3 miles east of Newt Road (SR 1258) to Pennington Road (SR 1401)/Mann Road (SR 1409). Widen Mann Road (SR 1409) to a two lane boulevard on a four lane boulevard ROW from Pennington Road (SR 1401) to Old Salisbury Road (SR 1400). Construct a two lane boulevard on four lane ROW on new location from Old Salisbury Road (SR 1400)/Mann Road (SR 1409) to Riley Street/Russell Road. Widen Russell Road to a two lane boulevard on a four lane boulevard ROW from Riley Street to US 52. Upgrade NE Connector to a four lane boulevard from US 52 to Ridge Street (SR 1542). Construct a four lane boulevard from Ridge Street (SR1542) to 0.7 miles north of NC 740 on Laton Road (SR 1537). Widen Laton Road (SR 1537) to a four lane boulevard from 0.7 miles north of NC 740 on Laton Road (SR 1537) to 0.38 miles north of NC 740/Vickers Store Road (SR 1730). Construct a four lane new location